

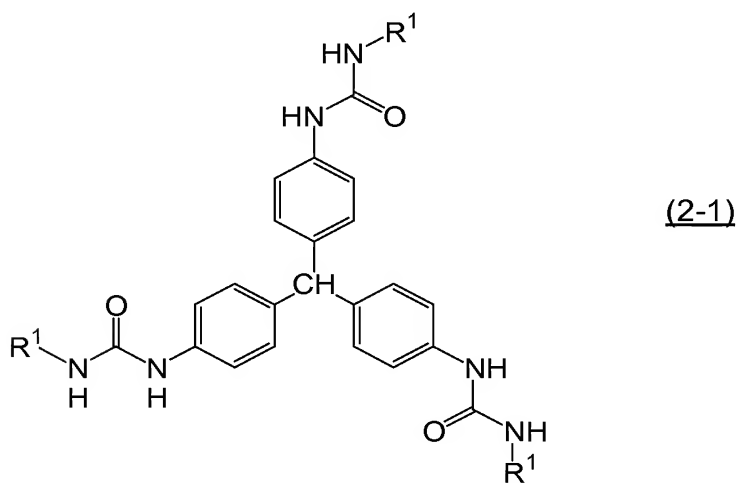
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

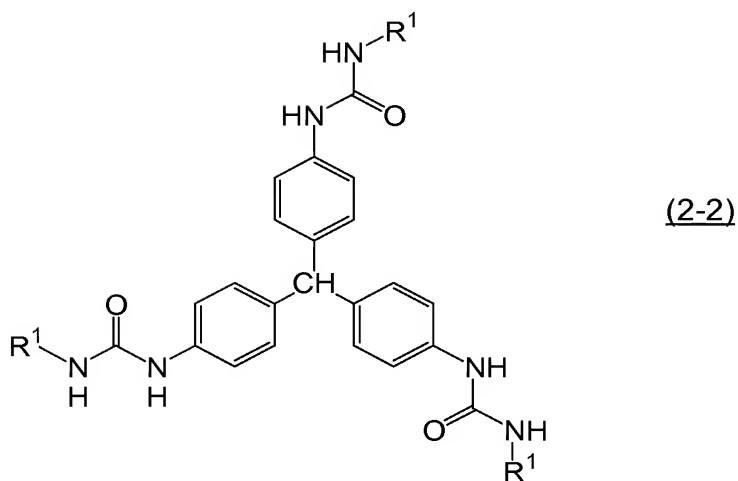
1.-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ triphenylmethane derivative ~~according to claim 3, which is represented by the general formula (2-1):~~



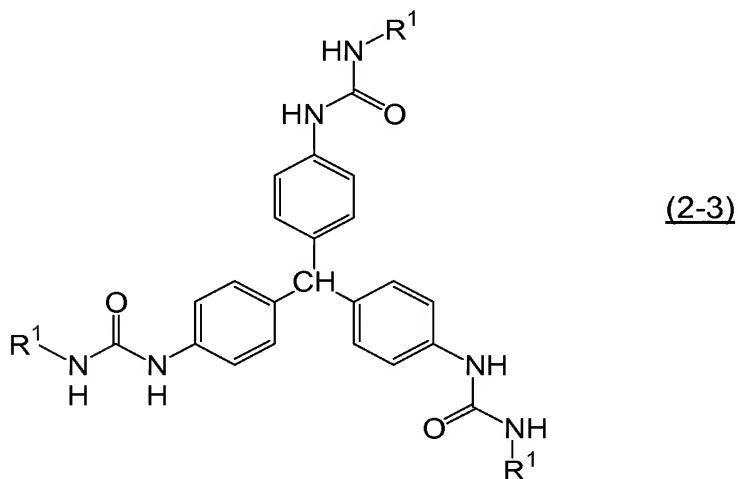
wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 4 to 5 4 carbon atoms.

5. (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ triphenylmethane derivative ~~according to claim 3, which is represented by the general formula (2-2):~~



wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having ~~6 to 108~~ 6 to 108 carbon atoms.

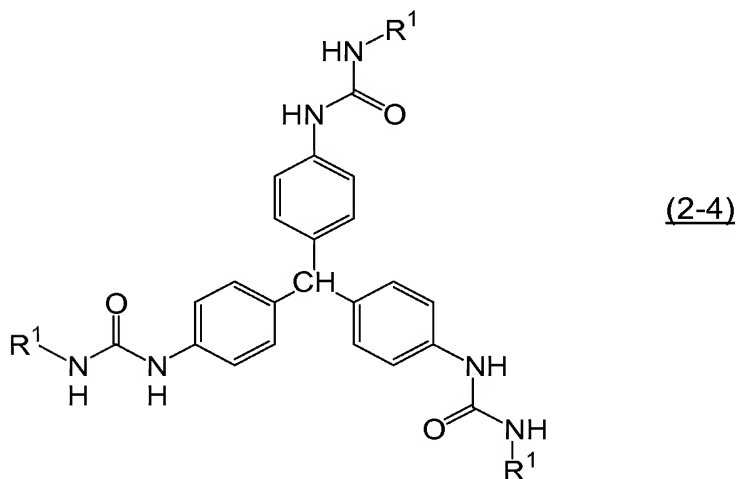
6. (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ triphenylmethane derivative according to ~~claim 3, which is represented by the general formula (2-3):~~



wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having ~~11 to 2018~~ 11 to 2018 carbon atoms.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently amended) An organic gel comprising ~~the organic gelling agent as defined in claim 7, a triphenylmethane derivative which is represented by the general formula (2-4):~~

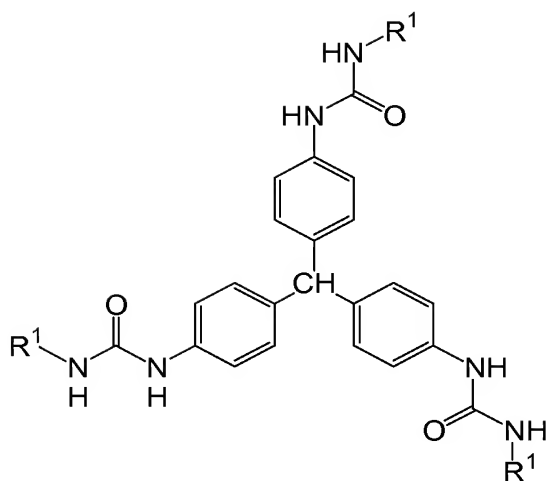


wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and an organic solvent.

9. (Currently amended) An organic fiber ~~comprising~~ produced from the organic gel as defined in claim 8, and having a diameter of 500 nm or less.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) An organic gel comprising ~~the organic gelling agent as defined in claim 10, a triphenylmethane derivative which is represented by the general formula (2-5):~~

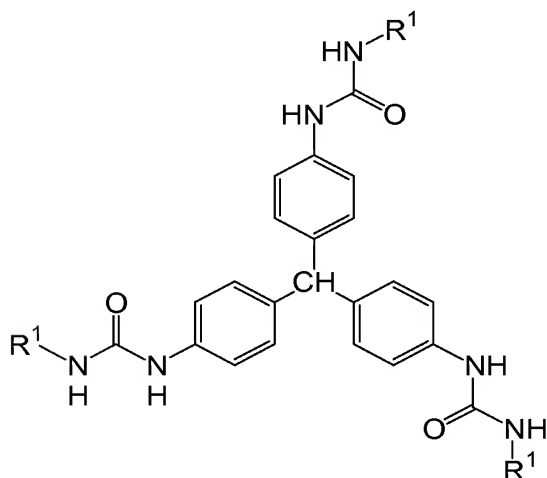


(2-5)

~~1-3~~ wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, and an organic solvent.

12. (Currently amended) An organic fiber ~~comprising~~ produced from the organic gel as defined in claim 11, and having a diameter of 500 nm or less.

13. (New) An organic gel comprising a triphenylmethane derivative which is represented by the general formula (2-6):



(2-6)

wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 11 to 18 carbon atoms, and an organic solvent.

14. (New) An organic fiber produced from the organic gel as defined in claim 13, and having a diameter of 500 nm or less.

15. (New) The organic gel as defined in claim 8, wherein the organic solvent is any one selected from the group consisting of toluene, 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane and decalin.

16. (New) The organic gel as defined in claim 11, wherein the organic solvent is any one selected from the group consisting of 2-propanol and benzonitrile.

17. (New) The organic gel as defined in claim 13, wherein the organic solvent is propylene carbonate.

18. (New) A process for producing the organic gel as defined in claim 8, wherein after heating a solution comprising said triphenylmethane derivative and the organic solvent, the resultant solution was allowed to stand at room temperature.

19. (New) A process for producing the organic gel as defined in claim 11, wherein after heating a solution comprising said triphenylmethane derivative and the organic solvent, the resultant solution was allowed to stand at room temperature.

20. (New) A process for producing the organic gel as defined in claim 13, wherein after heating a solution comprising said triphenylmethane derivative and the organic solvent, the resultant solution was allowed to stand at room temperature.

21. (New) The organic gel as defined in claim 8, wherein the triphenylmethane derivative is swelled by said organic solvent.

22. (New) The organic gel as defined in claim 11, wherein the triphenylmethane derivative is swelled by said organic solvent.

23. (New) The organic gel as defined in claim 13, wherein the triphenylmethane derivative is swelled by said organic solvent.

24. (New) The organic fiber as defined in claim 9, having a diameter of 100 nm or less.

25. (New) The organic fiber as defined in claim 12, having a diameter of 100 nm or less.

26. (New) The organic fiber as defined in claim 14, having a diameter of 100 nm or less.